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BISHOP FORD FREEWAY REHAB PROJECT

Major rehabilitation work has begun along a 9 mile stretch of the Bishop Ford Freeway (I-94) from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive on the north to 159th Street on the south. The Bishop Ford is the main link between Chicago, the south suburbs, and northwest Indiana.

This construction will update an aging freeway and allow the motoring public to enjoy a safer, smoother ride on the Bishop Ford.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

IDOT will complete most of the work at night but daytime and weekend closures will be necessary to complete the project. Drivers should expect delays and allow extra time or take alternate routes.

The \$27.5 million project is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Stimulus) and will involve resurfacing all lanes and shoulders, pavement patching, bridge repairs, new guardrail installations, lane and exit/entrance ramp resurfacing, including the Stony Island Feeder Ramp.

Lane closures should be expected during the overnight hours with traffic down to a single lane in many areas. In addition, exit and entrance ramps at 111th Street, 115th Street, 130th Street, Sibley Blvd. (147th Street) and 159th Street will be closed intermittently. Overnight lane closures will occur between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. Temporary detours will be posted for ramp closures and no ramps will be closed concurrently.

During the peak weekday travel hours, every effort will be made to maintain three lanes of traffic in each direction. However, traffic in some sections will be permanently reduced to two lanes from one to five months. Traffic along the Stony Island Feeder Ramp also will be reduced to a single lane in each direction at various times. On weekends, traffic will be down to two lanes in most areas of the work zone.

TIMELINE

Weather permitting, the majority of the work is anticipated to be completed in fall 2009. Nighttime lane closures are anticipated in the spring of 2010 to complete the remainder of the project.

PROJECT INFORMATION AND WORK ZONE UPDATES

For more information visit the Bishop Ford website at

www.dot.il.gov/bishopford/default.html

or call 800-452-IDOT (800-452-4368)

and for real time Bishop Ford work zone updates please visit

www.gcmtravel.com

*Please note, heavy congestion should be expected at all times and drivers are urged to consider alternate routes and public transportation.
IDOT appreciates your patience and understanding as we work to improve the roadways in your community.*



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